

ABSTRACT

A method for enabling COBOL programs for asynchronous and distributed processing is provided. The distributed processing method includes providing a technical layer for use by a COBOL program, the technical layer enabling a distributed processing module. The method includes providing a COBOL program and employing, by the COBOL program, the distributed processing module to enable the COBOL program to perform distributed processing. The COBOL program and the technical layer operate in the same runtime environment. A method for enabling COBOL programs for asynchronous processing is also provided. The method includes providing a technical layer for use by a COBOL program, the technical layer enabling an asynchronous processing module. The method includes providing a COBOL program and employing, by the COBOL program, the asynchronous processing module to enable the COBOL program to perform asynchronous processing. The COBOL program and the technical layer operating in the same runtime environment.